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**235 GRADS!** That the number of offenders who turned the tassels at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) and in turned made the grade for re-entry success! Proud family members were on hand for Graduation Day as the Class of 2015 received certificates for high school equivalency, vocational and apprenticeship programs. Each educational offering provides skills and disciplines needed to pass the test in the work world. Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) funded educational programs are important mechanisms in cutting the recidivism rate among released offenders. Featured speaker Jeff Lorick, Terre Haute Human Relations Commission Director, urged the graduates to continue overcoming obstacles to success. He noted success is about trying to make a positive difference in society.

**GIVING THE GIFT OF SIGHT!** The Rockville Correctional Facility (RCF) PLUS program provides offenders to work in the Eyeglass Shop as a form of community service. The Eyeglass Shop at RCF receives donations of discarded eyeglasses from local Lions Clubs. In turn, the offenders clean, repair and obtain the prescription for each pair. The glasses are then packed and shipped to organizations around the world to provide much needed vision assistance.



The RCF PLUS offenders recently packed 15,400 Pairs of glasses in a total of 4 days!!!!



**CONGRATS TO PUTNAMVILLE CLIFF GRADUATES!** The Clean Lifestyle is Freedom Forever (CLIFF) substance abuse program recently held a training seminar for twenty-five willing offenders to become recovery coaches for their CLIFF units. Trainers from the Indiana Counselors Association on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ICAADA), Gina Fears and Stan DeKemper, were in attendance to mentor and guide the event. "A Recovery Coach is anyone interested in promoting recovery by removing barriers and obstacles to recovery and serving as a personal guide and mentor for people seeking or already in recovery," says Denise Sloan, CLIFF Addiction Recovery Specialist. The CLIFF program selected offenders both by their request and through an interview process to participate in this 40 hour training. Recovery Coaches are being utilized at several other facilities in the state, parole/probation, half way houses, hospitals, and even the Department of Children and Family Services.



**PJCF STAFF v STUDENTS COMPETITION WAS A WINNER FOR ALL!** Education staff at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility conducted a very exciting Field Day.

Students were eligible to participate in field day based on consistent positive school and unit behavior. The team activities included corn hole, free throw challenge, tug of war and kickball.

**BIG CONGRATS GOES TO IREF** staff, volunteers, and visitors celebrated the accomplishments of 53 IREF graduates who participated in Oakland City University and IREF programs. Never have so many worked so long for so much!



**MCF GRADUATES 58** offenders from the Clean Lifestyle is Freedom Forever (CLIFF) program recently. Ted Miles, Corizon Regional Director was the guest speaker at the event. "This is just the first step in their process of recovery" said Superintendent Kathy Griffin. "While it's a significant step, I hope that these men will continue to live clean lifestyles and become productive citizens once they are released." Also giving words of encouragement during the ceremony was Indiana Department of Correction Executive Director of Programs Jerry Vance. The event was attended by family members of the offenders and celebrated with cake and punch afterwards.



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